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FOR NEA/ARP

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MASS, PFOR, QA, US
SUBJECT: QATARI INTEREST IN PURCHASE OF ALL-TERRAIN MILITARY
VEHICLE

1. ON APR 26, SHAYKH ABDULLAH BIN KHALIFA AL THANI, AMIR'S NUMBER 3 SON AND RECENT SANDHURST GRADUATE WHO ASSUMING INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT ROLE IN QATARI ARMED FORCES, ASKED AMB FOR ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING GOQ PURCHASE OF XR 311, A MULTI-PURPOSE MILITARY VEHICLE MANUFACTURED BY FMC CORP. SHAYKH ABDULLAH SAID THAT GOQ'S PRESENT INTEREST IS TO ACQUIRE ONE OR TWO OF THESE VEHICLES TO TRY THEM OUT IN QATAR TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER THEY SUITABLE TO LOCAL TERRAIN, CLIMATE, ETC.
2. SHAYKH ABDULLAH TOLD US THAT GOQ HAD APPROACHED FMC AGENT HERE AND HAD BEEN TOLD THAT REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH OFFICIAL CHANNELS, SINCE VEHICLE CURRENTLY BEING TESTED BY DOD. WE UNDERSTAND FROM QATARIS THAT SAUDIS HAVE ARRANGED FOR PURCHASE OF 50 XR 311'S, ALSO FOR TESTING PURPOSES.
3. WE TOLD SHAYKH ABDULLAH THAT IF XR 311 WAS CURRENTLY IN EXPERIMENTAL STAGE, PERMISSION FOR EXPORT MAY NOT BE GRANTED. HE REPLIED THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS, BUT ARMED FORCES
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- KEENLY INTERESTED IN THIS VEHICLE AND HE WOULD APPRECIATE ANYTHING WE COULD DO TO FACILITATE THIS INTEREST.
4. COMMENT: WE WOULD APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSE TO THIS REQUEST, GIVEN ITS HIGH LEVEL ORIGIN. IF SALE NOT POSSIBLE AT THIS TIME, COULD WE ARRANGE FOR QATARI ARMED FORCES REP TO COME TO U.S. TO OBSERVE DOD TRIALS AND CONSULT WITH KNOWLEDGEABLE TECHNICIANS

ON ADAPTABILITY OF VEHICLE TO QATARI CONDITIONS? PLEASE ADVISE.

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